



DOMÄNE  
WACHAU

# GEMISCHTER SATZ SMARAGD®

## RIED VORDERSEIBER 2018



### Origin & Terroir

The Vorderseiber vineyard in Weissenkirchen reaches the highest altitude of all vineyards in the Wachau. Cool climate and gneiss rock set this site apart and make this terroir unique. The vines in the Vorderseiber vineyard are 80 years old.

### Grape Variety

This Gemischter Satz (field blend) consists of more than ten white grape varieties. Grüner Veltliner makes up the largest share and is accompanied by Riesling, Neuburger, Sauvignon Blanc, Brauner Veltliner, Heunisch, Roter Veltliner, Pinot Gris, Rivaner, Gelber Muskateller, Muskat Ottonel, Traminer and other varieties.

### Classification

Smaragd is the top category of Wachau wines. The name Smaragd comes from the magnificent emerald green lizard that can be seen basking in hot and sunny spots in the vineyards. Smaragd wines are dry, full-bodied and complex with plenty of finesse and great ageing potential. Smaragd® is a registered trademark of Vinea Wachau Nobilis Districtus e.V.

### Vinification

The grapes come from vineyards planted in the 1930s. The yield is about 3,500 kg per hectare. The grapes were handpicked over several meticulous passages in the beginning of October. After eight hours of skin contact, the wine was fermented and aged in used 500-litre oak barrels.

### Tasting Notes

Shiny, bright lemon-lime. Yellow apple, persimmon, white peach with intense smoky and tropical notes. Powerful on the palate with a spicy backbone, long-lasting with mineral character, juicy core and crisp acidity.

### Enjoyment

Serve well chilled at about 9° C. Perfect with traditional Austrian dishes like "Tafelspitz" (beef pot roast), but also pairs well with Asian dishes. Drink now or age for 5-8 years.

- 94 points | A LA CARTE
- 93 points | FALSTAFF
- 3 glasses | WEIN.PUR
- 4 stars, TIPP | VINARIA
- 17,5 points | GAULT MILLAU

**Alcohol:** 13% | **Acidity:** 5,9‰ | **Residual Sugar:** 1,7 g/l

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